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Letter dated 10 January 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 10 November 2005 (A/60/554-S/2005/714), addressed to you, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish air force, recorded between 9 November 2005 and 4 January 2006.

On 9 November 2005, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 11 November 2005, one formation of four F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 11, 12 and 13 November 2005, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft, on 12 November 2005, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, from where it departed towards the FIR of Ankara. The same aircraft entered for a second time the FIR of Nicosia before landing at the same airport, from where it departed later towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The CN-235 Turkish military aircraft, on 11 and 13 November, coming from the FIR of Ankara, entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where they departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara.

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On 14 November 2005, seven NF-5 Turkish military aircraft coming in two formations (1X2, 1X5), one C-130 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The formations of NF-5 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko;

(b) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara;

(c) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, from where it later returned to the illegal airport of Krini.

On 15 November 2005, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft and 13 NF-5 Turkish military aircraft coming in two formations (1X5, 1X8), violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The two Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying in a northerly direction before returning to the same airport;

(b) The first formation (1X5) of NF-5 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the northern part of Nicosia and the occupied area of Mesaoria before returning to the same airport;

(c) The second formation (1X8) of NF-5 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Kyrenia and Mesaoria before returning to the same airport.

On 16 November 2005, five formations (3X2 F-16, 1X4 F-4, 1X2 F-4) of 12 Turkish military aircraft and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out seven violations of international air traffic regulations.

On the same day, two formations (1X5, 1X4) of nine NF-5 Turkish military aircraft, one C-130, two C-160 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The two formations of nine NF-5 Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus before exiting towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus before returning to the same airport;

(c) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara;

(d) The two C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where they later departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 17 November 2005, two C-130 Turkish military aircraft and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The two C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Lefkoniko, from where they departed on the same day;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus before returning to the same airport.

On 21 November 2005, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 22 November 2005, one Cessna Citation Turkish military aircraft, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft and one firefighter Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later returned to the illegal airport of Krini;

(b) The Cessna Citation Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(c) The firefighter Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, where it remained.

On 23 November 2005, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-130 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it departed on the same day towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kythrea before returning to the same airport.

On 24 November 2005, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Kyrenia before returning to the same airport.

On 25 November 2005, four F-16 Turkish military aircraft in one formation entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 30 November 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Kyrenia and Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed, returning to the illegal airport of Krini.

On 7 December 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The C-160 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed, returning to the illegal airport of Krini.

On 8 December 2005, two formations (2X2) of four F-16 and F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, carrying out two violations of international air traffic regulations.

On 9 December 2005, two F-16 and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft coming in one formation from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations.

On 14 December 2005, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 18 December 2005, one G/S and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The G/S Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Karpasia before exiting in a south-easterly direction, from where it later returned to the FIR of Ankara;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied areas of Kyrenia and Mesaoria towards the FIR of Ankara before later returning to the same airport.

On 19 December 2005, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 20 December 2005, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft took off from the illegal airport of Krini, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 21 December 2005, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

On the same day, one G/S Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Karpasia before exiting in a south-easterly direction, from where it later returned to the FIR of Ankara.

On 26 December 2005, one Gulfstream and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, as follows:

(a) The Gulfstream Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations before exiting in a southerly direction;

(b) The Cougar Turkish military aircraft coming from the FIR of Ankara entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the

national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later took off and landed at the illegal airport of Krini.

On 28 December 2005, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

On 4 January 2006, one C-130 Turkish military aircraft entered the FIR of Nicosia, violating international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the occupied area of Mesaoria before landing at the illegal airport of Tymbou, from where it later departed towards the FIR of Ankara.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned violations and call for their immediate cessation. Turkey's policy of persistently breaching international law and defying international rules and regulations gravely jeopardizes the safety of international civil aviation and the stability of the region.

Moreover, Turkey's systematic attempts to undermine the sovereignty and unity of the Republic of Cyprus by promoting an illegal secessionist entity, arrogating, inter alia, to itself the right to have a national airspace, further complicates the efforts to build trust and confidence between the two sides and resume negotiations. Such actions are yet further evidence of Turkey's sole objective, namely to consolidate the existing division of the island and maintain thus its military presence in Cyprus in perpetuity.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 19, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andreas D. **Mavroyiannis**